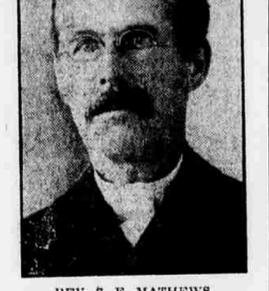


# RELIGIOUS NEWS

**SUNDAY EVENING** Rev. S. F. Mathews will preach his farewell sermon to the members of the First Baptist church, of which he has been pastor for almost seven years. Rev. Mathews accepted a call to the First Baptist church, then the old Scranton street church, in November, 1895, and came to this city December 23, of the same year, he entered upon his pastoral duties the first of January, 1896.

The principal events of the pastorate were the burning of the old church on Scranton street on Jan. 29, 1899, and the



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building of the stone church which now faces Main avenue, it being completed and dedicated Oct. 20, 1901. During the pastorate there has also been a very large number brought into the church both by baptism and letter, and although the members regret the severing of his connection with the church, yet they rejoice in his entering upon a new field of labor where his ability will be fully appreciated.

**The Bright Hour Service.**—Rev. Dr. Pierce will occupy his pulpit in the Penn avenue Baptist church on Sunday, after an absence of ten weeks spent in Europe. He will preach morning and evening. At the evening service he has planned to introduce the "Bright Hour," a series of Sunday evening meetings lasting sixty minutes. Each service will be varied and will aim to present the "Old, Old Story" in scripture and song.

**Religious Notes.**—The Methodist ministers of Scranton will meet in Elm Park on Sept. 1. The subject and speaker to be announced at the meeting. The gospel will be preached in the hall, 604 Lackawanna avenue, on Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Meeting for bible study on Monday evening at 7.45. All are welcome.

Miss Myrtle Furman, the blind eclectician, who for 14 years has been professor of education in Swarthmore college will speak in the Court street Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday evening, Aug. 31. It is the only time she speaks in the city. Seats free. Come and hear her.

Rev. Father McHale, of St. John's parish, Elftown, has been assigned to the pastoral work of the Roman Catholic churches at Meshoppen and Auburn, Wyoming county, in place of Rev. Father McCabe, who has been transferred to Georgetown, Wilkes-Barre, township.

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON FOR AUGUST 31

THE BRAZEN SERPENT.—NUMB. XXI, 1-9.

BY REV. J. E. GILBERT, D. D.  
Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

**CONTENT.**—The evil report of the ten spies was received with loud lamentations. The people murmured against Moses for bringing them out of Egypt, and proposed to elect another captain and return to Egypt. They were ready to stone Joshua and Caleb, who insisted that with faith in God they might advance (Numb. xiv. 30). God's anger was kindled, but He spared the people in answer to Moses' prayer, yet doomed them to die in the wilderness (Numb. xvi. 50). The last intelligent led to penitence, and an attempt to enter Canaan without Divine approval proved disastrous (Numb. xiv. 40). The events following came down in chronological order. The rebellion of Korah, the putting to death of the Sabbath breaker, the enactment of sundry laws, the instruction of Aaron's rod, the death of Aaron—these are recorded only as important incidents in the course of several years, to furnish occasional insight into the life of the people and register their moral and social condition.

**WANDERING.**—After the repulse by the Amalekites (Numb. xiv. 40-45) the Israelites wandered in the wilderness. At first they vainly sought a passage way to the promised land, then they were most a blank for thirty-eight years, the events mentioned in the last paragraph being all that is recorded. God was executing His judgment upon them for disobedience. The mystery which hangs over that long space of time is painful to contemplate. Amid terrific sufferings to men, women, children, and cattle, they journeyed on from place to place, with no assignable purpose except to spend out the allotted years and leave their carcasses to be devoured by the beasts of the field (Gen. ix. 25). In times of sorest difficulty, man is led away from God, there is pardon for his penitence. (John, iii, 16.) "We have sinned, pray for us" is the confession and plea, the condition and hope of victory and success.

## SERVICES IN THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL.**—Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church—D. C. M. Giffin, pastor. Prayer and song services at 9.45 a. m. The Rev. C. A. Benjamen, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, will preach at 10.30; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Senior League at 6.30 p. m. Rev. E. B. Singer, the assistant pastor, will preach at 7.30 p. m. Embury Methodist Episcopal Church—Preaching at 10.30 and 7.30 by Rev. Joseph Madison. Class meeting at 11.30. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Epworth League at 6.30. A cordial invitation.

day after day, weary, hungry, thirsty, faint, hopeless.

**SINNING.**—It is not strange that the people were discouraged in that terrible march. They had no light of the after day to cheer them (Heb. xii. 1). But the past was one of dim memory. But alas, their misfortunes became the occasions for sin! They cried out against God, as their fathers had done (Ex. xvii. 2). They even spoke against God, while recognizing themselves under His guidance. The substance of their complaint was that they had no bread, no water, and that the manna, sent from heaven, their only food, which they called "bread," had become loathsome. They were indeed in a perilous position. All that they might have done with some propriety. Man is permitted to tell his sorrows to God (James i. 5). But they went on beyond permissible limits. "Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" they inquired. Ungrateful words, if spoken to Moses, they were blasphemous if spoken to God! Supreme folly if Egyptian bondage is remembered! (Ex. ii. 23). Shall physical comfort measure divine wisdom? And shall a more merciful God be accepted in the holy cause? (1 Thes. ii. 13).

**PUNISHMENT.**—That was a sad day in Israel. The old spirit of stubborn selfishness and rebellious unbelief has been revived. It reappears at a time when patience and fortitude and faith are demanded. This second generation must be chastised as their fathers were. (Isa. i. 5.) Like disobedient children, they must be made submissive (Heb. xii. 6). If the Lord's will shall be done by them, if they are to become heirs of the promises and progenitors of a God-fearing people. Punishment had been inflicted upon them by various methods—by the sword, by death, by leprosy, by plague, by fire. In each instance there had been a close relation between the offense and the penalty. The children of the people of God, it was necessary to make them know something of retributive justice. (Ecc. viii. 11.) In this instance fiery serpents were sent among the people, so named, because of their color, or possibly, because of their malignant virus, which produced a wound of fiery appearance. (Gen. i. 1.) Many were bitten and many died. Grounding in pain and bereavement were heard throughout the camp.

**PENITENCE.**—The afflicted people were quick to learn the cause of the calamity that had befallen them. Before the days of science every unusual circumstance was assigned to some supernatural influence. The voice of the people of God, it was necessary to make them know something of retributive justice. (Ecc. viii. 11.) In this instance fiery serpents were sent among the people, so named, because of their color, or possibly, because of their malignant virus, which produced a wound of fiery appearance. (Gen. i. 1.) Many were bitten and many died. Grounding in pain and bereavement were heard throughout the camp.

**PRAYER.**—"And Moses prayed for the people." This is the most eloquent sentence in the lesson. An old man, approaching the end of his six score years (Deut. xxxiv. 7), double the age of the oldest of Israel. (Numb. xxiii. 11.) Burdened with the responsibility of a great people, often unjustly condemned by those to whom he had given his life—the leader denied gently with the erring and became intercessor in their behalf. He exhibited the same spirit which, through all the years, had distinguished him (Ex. xii. 3). A man of meekness and faith, adapted to the exalted position to which he had been called. Entering into the tabernacle by the appointed mode (Ex. xxx. 20), he poured out his heart's desires. The prayers are not recorded—they do not belong to after generations. The Rev. James Hughes will preach in the evening at 7.45; Sunday school at 3 o'clock; Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. All welcome to these services.

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**Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; Epworth League at 6.30 p. m.; preaching at 7.30 p. m.** Rev. G. C. Lyman, pastor—Class No. 1, 7.45 a. m.; preaching at 10.30; Sunday church, prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Business meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, 7.30 p. m. Seats free and all are welcome.

**Court Street Methodist Episcopal church.**—Rev. G. C. Lyman, pastor—Class No. 1, 7.45 a. m.; preaching at 10.30; Sunday school at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; G. R. Clark, superintendent; Epworth League, 6.30 p. m.; Jesse Footenby, leader. Preaching, 7.30 p. m. Seats free.

**Providence Methodist Episcopal church.**—Rev. George A. Cure, pastor. The Brotherhood of St. Paul meet for prayer at 7.30 p. m.; preaching at 10.30; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth League at 6.45; subject, "Communion and Transformation." Preaching at 7.30; subject, "The Blessing of the Lord." The Prospect Avenue German Methodist Episcopal church, corner Prospect avenue and Birch street—Rev. F. H. Hausser, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 o'clock; Young People's prayer meeting at 6.45 p. m.; class meeting, Tuesday evening at 8 p. m.; German language, Thursday evening at 8 p. m.; prayer meeting, Friday evening at 8 p. m.

## BAPTIST

**Penn Avenue Baptist Church, Penn avenue, between Spruce and Linden streets.**—Strangers cordially welcome. The pastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D., will preach morning at 10.30 and evening at 7.30. Morning prayers in the vestry at 7.30. Preaching, 7.30 p. m. Seats free. "Builders of a Kingdom." Sunday school at 12 o'clock, following the services in the auditorium. Young People's meeting at 6.30 p. m. Sunday school at 8.30 p. m. The topic of the evening services will be "No Cross Without a Crown." This will be the "Bright Hour Service," introductory series of six-minute Sunday evening services of Scripture and song.

**First Baptist church, South Main avenue—R. P. Mathews, pastor.** The usual services, morning and evening, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. In the evening the pastor will preach the closing sermon of his pastorate. Sunday school, 2 p. m. Dr. B. G. Beddoe, superintendent; Baptist Young People's union service, 6.30 p. m. in assembly room. Weekly prayer meeting, 7.30 p. m., Wednesday. All are welcome to these services.

**Green Ridge Baptist church, Money avenue—Rev. H. S. Potter, pastor.** Rev. H. P. East, of Clark's Green, will preach at 10.30 a. m. Sunday school at 11.45 a. m. Young people's meeting at 8.30 p. m. North Main Avenue Baptist church—Rev. Albert Hatcher Smith, pastor. 10.30 service, theme, "Judgment That Follows Sin," and Love That Triumphs Over Judgment." 7.30 service, theme, "The Determining Factor in the Salvation of a Soul."

## PRESBYTERIAN

**Second Presbyterian church—Rev. Joseph G. O'Brien, pastor.** Morning worship, 10.30 o'clock. Rev. James Hughes will occupy the pulpit. Sunday school, 12 m.; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, 6.30 p. m. No evening services. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.45. All are cordially invited to be present.

**Washington Street Presbyterian Church—Rev. John P. Moffat, D. D., pastor.** No preaching service on Sunday. Bible school at 12 m. sharp; Christian Endeavor young people's society, 7.30 p. m. Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. The pastor will be in charge.

**Green Ridge Presbyterian church—Presbyterian church—Rev. N. F. Stahl; Bible school, 12 m., and prayer meeting at 7.30 Wednesday evening. Welcome to all.**

**Adams Avenue chapel, New York street.**—Some of the Young Men's club men will conduct morning school at 10.30 a. m., and the Rev. James Hughes will preach in the evening at 7.45; Sunday school at 3 o'clock; Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. All welcome to these services.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**Bellevue Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church—Rev. William Davies, pastor.** Services during the week as follows: English sermon tomorrow at 10 a. m.; class meeting, 11.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Welsh sermon, 4 p. m.; prayer meeting, Monday evening at 7.30; class meeting, Thursday evening at 7.30.

**First church (Christian Scientist), 519 Adams avenue.** Sunday services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m., subject, "Man." Testimonial meetings, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. by Mary Baker Eddy, will be loaned to investigators without charge. Visitors and letters of inquiry are welcomed and given courteous attention and information free. Zion United Evangelical church, 1429 Capouse avenue—Rev. J. W. Messenger, pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; subject, "The Matchless Christ." Sunday school, 9.30 a. m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, 4 p. m.; Keystone League Christian Endeavor, 6.30 p. m. Seats are free. All are welcome to all services.

**Plymouth Congregational church—Rev. F. J. Millman, of Pottsville, will preach at both morning and evening services, at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath school, 12 m. Sabbath school at Sherman Avenue Mission, 2.15 p. m.**

**5.45. Reformed church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street—Rev. Marion L. Flor, pastor.** Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11.30 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6.30 p. m. morning subject, "Bitten by Serpents;" evening subject, "A Good Man in Trouble and How He Got Out." Mid-week service, 7.30 p. m.

**Gospel tabernacle, Jefferson avenue, Dunmore—James Leishman, pastor.** Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11.30 a. m.; Young People's society, 6.30 p. m. morning meeting, Tuesday, will be day of prayer for the coming Alliance convention, which takes place Sept. 6-14.

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The speakers of the institute are all well known instructors, popular among the teachers throughout the country, and the institute promises to be interesting as well as beneficial. The idea of holding the institute at this time before the opening of school is a new one, and henceforth all city institutes will be held at this time instead of Easter week.

The speakers at the institute will be Prof. Will S. Monroe, of the Westfield, Mass., Normal school; Dr. George G. Buffum, of the University of Wisconsin; L. Kemp, principal of the East Stroudsburg Normal school; Miss Louise Connolly, of New York; Mrs. L. P. Wilson, of Johnstown, general secretary of the State Kindergarten association, and Miss Elizabeth A. Conside, of Wehachew, N. J. The week's programme follows:

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Prof. Kemp "Literature in the Schools." Miss Connolly

**TUESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.**  
Opening exercises.  
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plied; the merry-go-round, swings, etc., for the children. Trains will leave the D. & H. depot, Scranton, at 9.15 and 10.15 a. m. and 1.11 p. m. Fare from Scranton, 75 cents. Excursion trains will leave Carbondale at 10.00 and 11.05 a. m. and 2 p. m. Reduced rates from all points between Scranton and Honesdale.

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